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Labor Day Weekend Safety

1. As the Labor Day weekend approaches (3 through 6 September), so does the third anniversary of the terrorist attack against our great Nation. We cannot help but think about the events of that tragic day and how much the world has changed since then, as we continue to fight and win the Global War on Terrorism. For those who are not deployed and in the fight, Labor Day affords us the opportunity to take time over the holiday weekend to honor those who built our country, while always remembering those who are fighting and securing our future.
2. Labor Day is celebrated to recognize the contributions of American workers and the sacrifices they made to help make the United States the premier force in the world economy. The American workforce and our incredible work ethic make our country the economic model for all nations.
3. As we honor the men and women who built our country, we need to also take time to honor those who defend it today—the Soldiers and civilians of this command, especially those who are deployed. Katie and I also sincerely thank our courageous family members who continue to support our fighting force day in and day out during this time of war. We are honored to be associated with each and every member of this great USAREUR team.
4. Labor Day is also the traditional end of summer. As the season draws to a close, I ask you to renew your commitment to keeping one another safe. Remain vigilant over the long weekend and aggressively manage / eliminate risks to yourself and to those for whom you are responsible. I also ask that you do the following:
 - Give thanks to the people you work with.
 - Talk to your subordinates. Meet with each of them “under the oak tree” to discuss their holiday plans and ensure they make smart decisions on how to manage the risks associated with whatever they plan to do over the holiday.
 - Take time to relax and enjoy the fruits of your labor.
5. Thanks again to all the USAREUR Soldiers and civilians who are deployed. We miss you and look forward to your return. For those of you in garrison in USAREUR, I look forward to seeing each of you return to work safely after the holiday—rested and ready to continue to execute with excellence, Any Mission, Anywhere!

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